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Last wave returns

Pfc. Roger L. Nelson
Combat Correspondent

Approximately 440 Marines with 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, and 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, returned to

Hawaii, April 26 after completing an eight-month deployment to Iraq in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

When the 1/3 Marines arrived at Hangar 105 on Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, spouses, families, friends and fellow Marines

met them.

The regiment deployed from Hawaii for Okinawa, Japan, in early July 2004 to train as the Battalion Landing Team for the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable). When the 31st MEU(SOC) received

orders to the Persian Gulf, the Marines left Okinawa in August, headed for Operation Iraqi Freedom. The Marines from 1/3 and the 31st MEU(SOC) arrived in Iraq just in time to take the lead in capturing the city of Fallujah.

"We gave direct support and covered the flank of the battalion during the initial push through the city of Fallujah," said 1st Lt. Bryan K. Grayson, platoon commander, "Once we pushed through, we conducted security patrols around the city."

Grayson explained that the casualties among Marines were one of the hardest things he had to face during his deployment to Iraq.

"I'm just glad to be home now and glad it's over," admitted Grayson. "It's great not having to worry about mines on the road that can go off at any given time. They're unpredictable."

According to Staff Sgt. Ralph E. Scott Jr., 1st Platoon commander, Company C, 1/3, one of the only things that kept him going during his deployment was the fact he knew that soon enough he would be reunited with his wife.

"I'm just so glad to finally be home," said Lance Cpl. Adam B. Aknarlo, rifleman, 1/3, Company C. "I just want to get on with my life and get everything back to normal."

Aknarlo explained, that the worst part of being deployed was the fact that the majority of his company was killed in the CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter crash that occurred January 26.

"It had its ups and downs," said Aknarlo. "We got to see cities most people have never heard of and can say we've

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Cpl. Michelle M. Dickson

Pfc. Michael V. Moskal, machine gunner, Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, smiles with his wife after returning from deployment, April 26, at MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. The unit was deployed with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) for seven months in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II.

Schofield Barracks general visits base

Pfc. Roger L. Nelson
Combat Correspondent

Army Brig. Gen. John M. Bednarek, assistant division commander for operations, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, visited Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Friday, to talk about combining more Army and Marine Corps training.

The first stop on the general's visit was to the Headquarters Building for an officer's call with the Commanding General, Brig. Gen. George J. Trautman. Bednarek also received an operations brief by Col. Jon Hoffman, MCB Hawaii's G3.

"The general wanted an overview of the ranges and training facilities," said 1st Lt. Drew J. Sloan, aide de camp for Bednarek. "He said that if he knew how the training was

here, he thought it would be easier to combined Army training with it."

According to Sloan, this visit to Kaneohe Bay was Bednarek's first visit and the general was very excited about being able to tour the base and its training facilities.

"He had been looking forward to the tour of the ranges for some time," Sloan admitted.

Staff Sgt. James C. Dabney, range senior non-commissioned officer-in-charge, MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, said that the reason for the tour was to introduce the general to the different weapons systems used on the range and also explain all of the other ways the range is used.

"General Bednarek just got here from Fort Polk, Louisiana, one month ago and has wanted

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Cpl. Megan L. Stiner

David and Joanne Fuller (left), parents of 1st Lt. Travis J. Fuller, are presented with their son's Bronze Star Medal with combat distinguishing device, Tuesday, by Lt. Col. Michael R. Ramos, commanding officer, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment. Fuller was killed in action while serving as a platoon commander for Company C, 1/3, Regimental Combat Team 7, 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II.

Fallen Hawaii Marine is awarded Bronze Star

Cpl. Megan L. Stiner
Press Chief

"Welcome home Marines," said Joanne Fuller, mother of fallen Marine 1st Lt. Travis J. Fuller. "We promised Travis we would be here when his plane arrived to welcome him home from Iraq, and we are doing what we can to fulfill our promise. We are here to welcome you home. And we know he loved his Marines."

Lt. Col. Michael R. Ramos, commanding officer, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, presented Fuller's

parents, David and Joanne Fuller, the Bronze Star Medal with a combat distinguishing device, Tuesday, at a ceremony held at the Pacific War Memorial, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

Fuller's citation reads:

He consistently led the platoon from the front. While attacking towards the Al Tawfiq Mosque, the unit became pinned down by enemy fire. With complete disregard for his own safety, he moved around the battlefield placing Marines in support by fire posi-

tions. He then led the assault on the enemy stronghold, maneuvering through machine gun and small arms fire. He entered the building and established a foothold. Directing suppressive fires from within the building, he stormed the room the insurgents were held up in, employing his M16A4 assault rifle. His exceptional display of valor resulted in the destruction of four insurgents and enabled the unit to continue with its mission.

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Pfc. Roger L. Nelson

Army Brig. Gen. John M. Bednarek (left), assistant division commander for operations, 25th Infantry Division, listens to Staff Sgt. James C. Dabney, range staff non-commissioned officer-in-charge, explain the different ways the rifle range is used during a base visit, Friday.

NEWS BRIEFS

Twilight Tattoo Concert Saturday
The 9th Annual Twilight Tattoo concert will take place at Fort DeRussy, Saturday at 4 p.m. The traditional day-ending concert will include the Army's Tropic Lightning Band, Pacific Fleet Band, Air Force Band of the Pacific, Marine Corps Band of the Pacific and Hawaii's 111th Army National Guard Band.
The event is free and open to the public.

Water Outage Will Affect Base
There will be a water outage aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Saturday, from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., in order for workers to replace a portion of the main water line coming into base. Water will be available for normal use; however, this water will be drawn from a limited supply from reservoirs. Therefore, on Saturday, residents are asked to conserve and use water sparingly. Additionally, everyone must conserve and use water sparingly the day after the outage, in order to get the water level in the reservoirs back to normal.
In an effort to help conserve water, residents are requested to refrain from, but are not limited to: watering lawns, washing cars and filling pools. It is also requested that tenants refrain from high water use activities which include, but are not limited to: watering the Klipper Golf Course, using aircraft rinse facilities, using vehicle wash racks, watering fields and fund-raising car washes.

49th Annual Excellence in Federal Government Awards Luncheon
Marines and civilian employees from MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, will be recognized at the 2005 Excellence in Federal Government Awards Luncheon, June 8 at 10:45 a.m. in the Hawaii Ballroom of the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel.
To attend the event, pick up tickets through Wednesday in Building 216, Room 6. The ticket price of \$26 includes tax and gratuity. Validated parking will be available at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel.
For more information, contact Charles McTee at 257-8807.

3rd Marines to Hold Welcome Home and Reunion Ceremony
A "Welcome Home and Reunion Ceremony" will be held at Dewey Square Thursday at 2 p.m. for the returning service members of 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines and Charlie Battery, 1/12. The ceremony will be held to recognize the accomplishments of each Marine, the sacrifices of their families and, especially, the ultimate sacrifice of our fallen Marines. Families and members of the local community who have supported the units are invited to attend.

JEMS to Host Annual Job Fair
The annual MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Job Fair will be held May 20 from 9 a.m. to noon at Kahuna's. The job fair is open to all active duty personnel, retirees, reservists, DoD and Coast Guard employees and their spouses and family members who have a valid identification card.
Bring a résumé and dress appropriately. Due to the professional nature of this event, children will not be admitted.
For more information, visit www.JEMS.Hawaii.com and click on Job Fair/Events from the side menu or contact Roberto Katekaru, at 257-7790.

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On-Base Emergencies	257-9111
Military Police	257-7114
Child Protective Service	832-5300
Fraud, Waste, Abuse & EEO	257-8852
Business Management Hotline	257-3188
Pothole & Streetlight Repair	257-2380

Correction
On page A-3 of the April 29 edition of *Hawaii Marine*, Sgt. Damon L. Davoren, section chief, 1st Battalion, 12 Marine Regiment, was incorrectly identified as Sgt. Michael J. Davoren, ammunition team chief.

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BRAC recommendations follow lengthy process


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WASHINGTON — Few people dispute that the U.S. military has too much infrastructure to face the threats and opportunities of the 21st century. The question is: What's the best way to close or realign installations to match challenges of the new world?
Since 1988, the answer has been the Base Realignment and Closure Commission, and

the new challenges. Officials have repeatedly said the BRAC process must be seen as part of a larger effort to restructure the global footprint of the U.S. military. As part of this, U.S. bases overseas will close or morph into non-permanent installations. Officials estimate the number of troops in Europe will drop from 100,000 to about 50,000.
In Korea, the number of U.S. forces is already dropping from 34,000. Officials have not released a final target number for troops on the peninsula.

Congress authorized a base realignment and closure round in 2005. At a minimum, BRAC 2005 must eliminate excess physical capacity; the operation, sustainment, and recapitalization of which diverts scarce resources from defense capability. However, BRAC 2005 can make an even more profound contribution to transforming the Department by rationalizing our infrastructure with defense strategy. BRAC 2005 should be the means by which we reconfigure our current infrastructure into one in which operational capacity maximizes both warfighting capability and efficiency.

— Donald H. Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense
Nov. 15, 2002



the BRAC process continues to move ahead with a new round in 2005.
While closing an individual base can be a problem, the process is designed to be non-partisan. The first BRAC round came during the Reagan administration. The second in the first Bush Administration, and the third and fourth were under President Clinton.
Former Defense Secretary William S. Cohen first proposed the current round soon after taking office in 1997. Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld has been asking for a new round of closures and realignments since taking office in January 2001.
BRAC is a challenging process. The four previous BRAC rounds — in 1988, 1991, 1993 and 1995 — brought about 97 major closures, 55 major realignments and 235 minor actions, according to DoD figures. Overall, closing and realigning these installations saved American taxpayers around \$18 billion though fiscal 2001 and a further \$7 billion per year since.
A BRAC report submitted in March 2004 estimated there is 24 percent excess capacity in DoD.
Civilian and military leaders in the department have stressed that the military must become more agile and flexible to face

The BRAC 2005 process builds on lessons learned from past rounds. Essentially, this year's legislation took previous versions and amended them.
This year's BRAC round was part of the 2002 National Defense Authorization Act. The process began with a memorandum from Rumsfeld to defense leaders entitled "Transformation Through Base Realignment and Closure."
By the end of 2003, DoD published the draft selection criteria. In March 2004, the department submitted the force-structure plan and infrastructure inventory to Congress. The next month, Congress approved the final selection criteria.
In March 2005, the president nominated the commissioners that will serve on the BRAC Commission. This month, Secretary Rumsfeld will send the department's closure and realignment recommendations to the commission.
This year's BRAC Commission members are former Veterans Affairs Secretary Anthony Principi, commission chairman; former Nevada Rep. James H. Bilbray; Philip

Veterans, others remember war writer


Lance Cpl. T. J. Kaemmerer
MCB Camp Butler
IE SHIMA, Japan — Approximately 50 veterans and active-duty service members gathered on Ie Shima April 17 to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the death of Pulitzer prize-winning war correspondent Ernie Pyle.
Pyle was a roving journalist with Scripps Howard Newspapers who wrote about the young war fighters during World War II. He described the hardships and sacrifices they

endured, writing stories through the eyes of the troops. He was well known for writing articles as if they were letters written to loved ones back home, explained retired Master Gunnery Sgt. Bill Damico, a member of both the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.
During World War II, Pyle traveled to England to report on the Battle of Britain. Shortly after that, he started writing about the United States' involvement in the war. He also reported on battles in North Africa, Italy, and the bloody battles on the beaches

of Normandy, France.
The last assignment Pyle would ever take was the Pacific.
Pyle was fatally shot by a Japanese sniper April 18, 1945, during the battle of Okinawa, while he was writing stories about the Army's 77th Infantry Division. He was 44 years old.
"I remember hearing stories about World War II when I was young," explained the ceremony's guest speaker, Col. Adrienne K.


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Change of Command



YAWS

Cmdr. Perry D. Yaw will assume command of Patrol Squadron 9 from Cmdr. Rodney M. Urbano during a change of command ceremony at 10 a.m. Friday in Hangar 105 aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. Yaw transferred from Patrol and Reconnaissance Force, Pacific where he was the assistant chief of staff for training and reported as the executive officer of Patrol Squadron Nine in May 2004. Urbano is scheduled to report to Patrol and Reconnaissance Force, 5th/7th Fleet, Misawa, Japan, as the operations officer, in June.




URBANO

In last week's *Hawaii Marine*, we ran a photograph of 1st Lt. Duane Powell, a pilot assigned to HMH-463, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, who was reuniting with his wife, Amy and his two children, Nathan and Elizabeth. This photo ran alongside a homecoming story by Michele Adams-Thompson. Although the photo caption indicated that the Powell's reunion was a happy one, some people may have assumed that it was otherwise — because of the story content. The *Hawaii Marine* would like to clarify to its readers that it was not our intent to insinuate or otherwise lead readers to believe that the Powell's reunion was anything but joyous.


Weekend weather outlook

Today




Day — Partly cloudy with temporarily mostly cloudy skies, isolated rain showers in the evening, northeasterly winds, 8-10 mph with gusts to 15 mph
Night — Partly cloudy with isolated rain showers, easterly winds, 8-10 mph
High — 82
Low — 72

Saturday

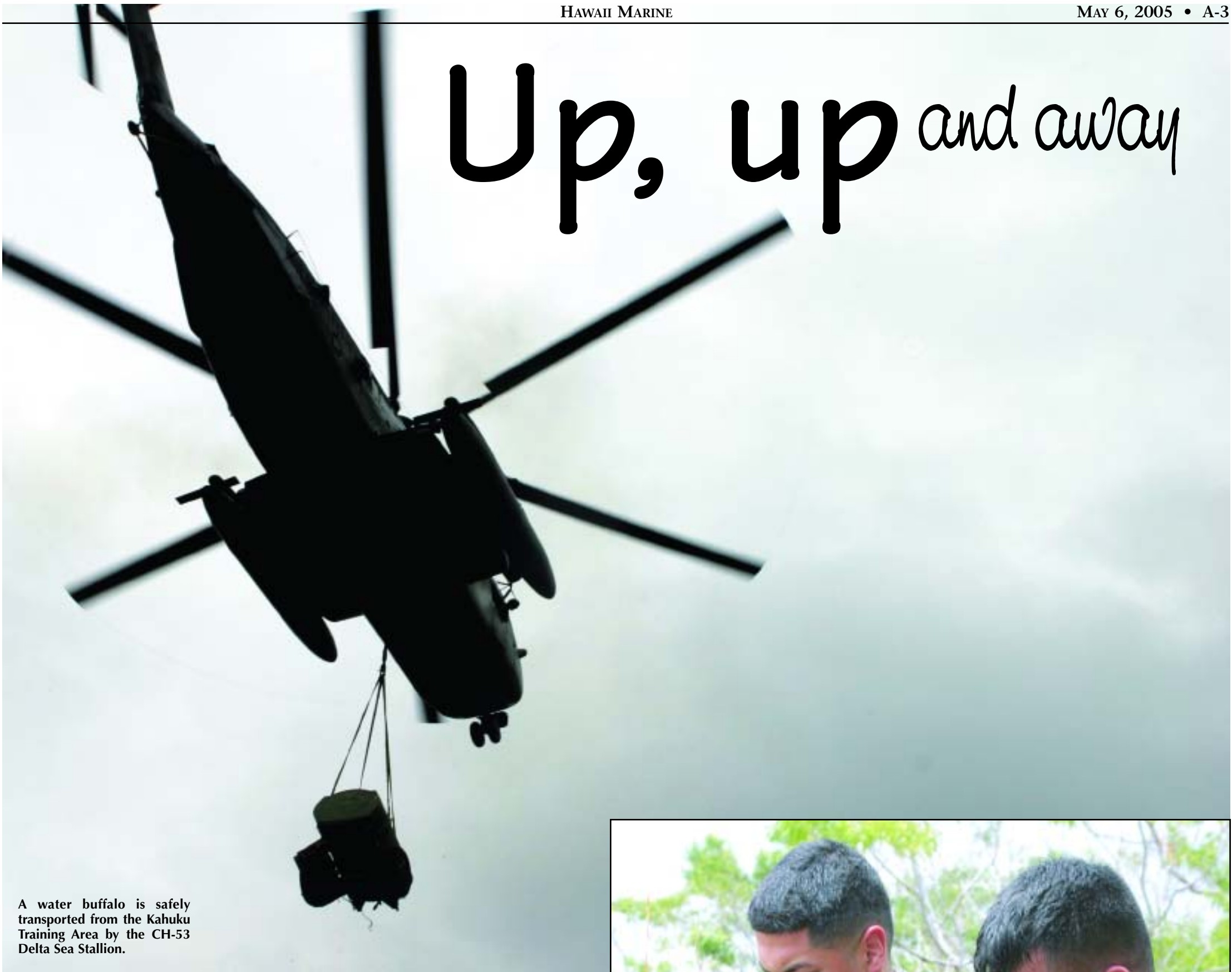


Day — Partly cloudy with temporarily mostly cloudy skies, isolated rain showers in the evening, northeasterly winds, 12-14 mph with gusts to 20 mph
Night — Partly cloudy with some mostly cloudy skies, isolated rain showers, easterly winds, 10-12 mph
High — 82
Low — 71

Sunday



Day — Partly cloudy with temporarily mostly cloudy skies, isolated rain showers in the morning and evening, easterly winds, 10-12mph with gusts to 18 mph
Night — Partly cloudy with some mostly cloudy skies, isolated rain showers, easterly winds 08-10 mph
High — 81
Low — 71



A water buffalo is safely transported from the Kahuku Training Area by the CH-53 Delta Sea Stallion.

CSSG-3 performs HST operations

Story and Photos By
Cpl. Michelle M. Dickson
Combat Correspondent

KAHUKU TRAINING AREA, KAHUKU, Hawaii — A total of six Marines from Combat Service Support Group 3, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, flew out on a CH-53 Delta Sea Stallion, Friday to the Kahuku Training Area, where they participated in a Helicopter Support Team operation.

This was the first time that CSSG-3 has ever conducted this type of an operation and only one of the Marines had experience with HST operations.

“They did an outstanding job for not being trained in-depth before the exercise,” admitted Sgt. Javier Diaz, landing support team platoon sergeant, Transportation Support Company, CSSG-3. “Everyone listened well and worked together to get the mission completed.”

The purpose of the training was to extract broken equipment from “Landing Zone Black,” using a CH-53D. The equipment was rigged to the helo and carried off to a safe location.

In order for the equipment to be safely extracted, the Marines had to clear the LZ to the point that the CH-53D could hover close to the ground, safely. While the helicopter hovered, the Marines then rigged the equipment and hooked it to the helo, which removed it from the site.

“We brought out axes, chainsaws and machetes to clear the LZ before the operation took place,” said the Tuscan, Ariz. native. “Marines cleared the area quickly while the vehicle was being hooked up to a sling with a 15k-strength capacity.”

Once all was clear, three Marines stayed close by the equipment while the helo came in to grab the load. Each had different jobs that were crucial during in the next few minutes.

During this phase of the operation, one Marine took the part of the “static man” who is responsible for “grounding the helo.” The purpose of his job is to make sure that there is no static electricity being created. The impor-



The CH-53D crew chief looks for signals from the “inside director” to guide a safe hookup.

tance of having a static man is to ensure the Marines who are hooking the load to the helo do not get an electric shock, since the electrical current coming from the helo is very strong.

The second responsibility is the, “inside director.” This Marine signaled to the pilot and crew chief what exactly they needed to do and where they needed to go.

Cpl. Francisco Peneda, motor transport operator, TSC Company, CSSG-3, held this responsibility.

“It only got difficult when the helo was right there above you,” said Peneda. “The wind power was unbelievable and trying to signal to the pilot while trying to stand up straight was the toughest; but it was a cool experience.”

“The inside director is basically like a ground guide for the pilot and crew chief,” said Diaz. “He lets them know if they need to raise up, or come in closer, or anything else they may need to do at that time.”

The last job is the “hookup man.” This is the one who actually hooked up the equipment to the helo. Diaz was the hookup man for this operation, as he was also the HST operation commander.

“The most difficult part of the whole thing was ensuring that the load and the landing zone were suitable for the HST to happen,” said Diaz. “We have more of these tasks coming up in the near future, and the same Marines will be used because they proved that they know the process really well and completed the mission with no problems.”



Cpl. Francisco Peneda (left), motor transport operator, Transportation Support Company, CSSG-3, and Sgt. Javier Diaz, landing support platoon sergeant, TSC, CSSG-3, break off pieces of a transport that may be dangerous before it is airlifted from Kahuku Training Area.



Sgt. Javier Diaz (left), landing support platoon sergeant, TSC, CSSG-3, Lance Cpl. Chase Watson (center), radio operator, CSSG-3, and Cpl. Francisco Peneda, motor transport operator, CSSG-3, take the roles of “hook up man,” “static man” and “inside director,” during a Helicopter Support Team operation at Kahuku Training Area.



Cpl. Francisco Peneda, motor transport operator, TSC, CSSG-3, gives the proper signals to a CH-53 Delta Sea Stallion, as the “inside director” during a Helicopter Support Team operation.

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done something to make a difference for our country.”

Aknarlo said that he will have stories to tell to people and his grandchildren — stories that most people wouldn’t have. Others in the regiment said that they have a collection of stories from this and a previous deployment to the area.

“The majority of the Marines were pretty much on their second deployment,” said 1st Lt. Michael J. Cloherty, Scout Sniper Platoon commander. “These Marines were unbelievable, and from what they all accomplished, they should all be very proud of themselves.”



Pfc. Roger L. Nelson

Above — Marines from 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment and 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment get the red-carpet treatment as they file off the plane, April 26, upon their return to Hawaii from their deployment to Iraq.

Center — 1st Lt. Jared Laurin, Headquarters and Service Company, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, is greeted by his wife Jeanne upon returning from an eight-month deployment to Iraq.

Right — Families and friends gather to welcome home the Marines of 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment and 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, April 26.



Cpl. Michelle M. Dickson

Hundreds of friends and families waited anxiously throughout the day to welcome home sons, husbands, boyfriends and buddies, April 26, when 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, and parts of 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, returned home from their deployment to Iraq.



Cpl. Michelle M. Dickson



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A small child, dressed in his own digital camouflage, holds a sign excitedly, April 26, waiting to see his father return from an extensive deployment to Iraq.

May is Asian-Pacific Heritage Month

Gunnery Sgt. Claudia LaMantia
Public Affairs Chief

The contributions made by Asian-Pacific American's is as diverse as the ethnic backgrounds that comprise them, according to Master Sgt. Milton D. White, equal opportunity advisor, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

May is set aside by Public Law 102-450 as the time to observe the many feats accomplished by this group of Americans.

Units here have formed a committee that has assisted in planning several events to recognize Asian-Pacific Americans.

The library, Anderson Hall Mess Hall and the Post Exchange will showcase the many ethnic groups within the Asia-Pacific realm by organizing displays of various themes.

In addition, the library is presenting Cultural Readings, Saturday from 1 to 2 p.m. Mega Video Store is offering 50 percent off selected videos through May 24.

"The entire celebration will culminate on May 24 at Anderson Hall with a special meal," Said White.

The scheduled speaker for the event is Cmdr. Clement Tonaka, executive officer for Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron-24.



Photo Courtesy of DefenseLINK

Daniel K. Inouye (above), a Hawaii native, serves as a combat infantryman in Europe during World War II. Inouye now serves his country as a United States senator for Hawaii (inset).



Pfc. Roger L. Nelson

Marianne Ivany, Military Child Education Coalition board member and trainer, explains objectives of the day during phase one of the Transition Counselor Institute workshop, May 3, at The Officer's Club on Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

TCI workshops help ease school transitions

Pfc. Roger L. Nelson
Combat Correspondent

A Transition Counselor Institute Workshop was held Tuesday, at The Officers' Club on Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, to address school transition concerns that impact mobile military students.

The TCI Workshop, a two-phase workshop that last two days, included a series of professional development institutes offered through the Military Child Education Coalition to improve high school predictability for the mobile military student.

The TCI Workshop, organized in 1998 as part of the nonprofit organization, Military Child Education Coalition, is sponsored by MCB Hawaii. One of the workshops' main goals is to establish an alliance between school systems, military installations and national organizations.

"We want to give information, resources and share experiences with one another," said Dr. Mary M. Keller, executive director of MCEC. "Military parents experience unique challenges for their children."

Keller explained that the children in military families often go through many transitions and are often moving from place to place and school to school. The educators care a lot about working with families and need to learn more about the problems military families face.

"We have a large diversity of people who show up at our workshops," said Keller. "Our visitors are teachers, parents and personnel from different branches of the military who all want to help."

According to Marianne Ivany, MCEC board member and trainer, the workshop is very effective and after the first day, or first phase, those who attend will see substantial improvements.

"This is my first workshop," said Gene Tyson, project manager for Project Lightning Academy, Schofield Barracks. "After my first day, or phase one, I could already tell that the workshop is effective, and I would be able to understand military personnel's children better."

Tyson explained that he had been acquainted with MCEC for a long time and that he has known Keller for eight years.

"I've known Mary Keller for a while now and she has always said positive things about MCEC," said Tyson. "So I wanted to come here and experience one of the workshops, firsthand, to see what it was all about."

MCEC has a workshop once a week in different parts of the United States and has trained more than 3,000 people in the past year from their workshops.

"On average, a child whose parent is in the military will change schools six to nine times from kindergarten through high school graduation," said Keller. "We're just here to put our expertise on improving predictability."

Military police's routine keeps Camp Smith secure

Pfc. J. Ethan Hoaldrige
Marine Forces Pacific

CAMP H.M. SMITH, Hawaii — A suicide bomber in a pickup truck loaded with more than 2,000 pounds of explosives crashed into the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon, April 18, 1983. Sixty-three people were killed, including 17 Americans and one Marine.

In 1996 aboard the Navy Submarine Base Bangor, Wash., two men employed by Johnson Controls Inc., the base operating services coordinator, set up a small methamphetamine manufacturing plant in the industrial waste treatment center on base to distribute drugs to service members.

History proves there is a need for military police on every military installation to handle bomb threats, distribution of drugs, security and simple traffic violations.

Camp Smith's Provost Marshal's Office provides a 24-hour, seven-day-a-week

service to Camp Smith and Manana military housing in Pearl City. They guard against traffic and parking violations, issue parking passes, respond to residential disturbances and take care of security violations.

They strap on their bullet-proof vest, duty belt and a 9 mm pistol, and prepare for the worst, although a normal day consists of writing parking tickets, ensuring only authorized vehicles come aboard the base and issuing parking passes to Camp Smith personnel and visitors.

"What we do may seem simple or boring, but the moment we get complacent about our job, that may be when the worst happens," said Lance Cpl. Bryce White, Camp Smith military policeman.

Camp Smith is home to U.S. Pacific Command, which is responsible for the armed forces that cover more than half of the world's surface and U.S. Marine Forces Pacific, which is the largest Marine Corps parent command.

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Photos Courtesy of Airman Kevin Beauchamp

A day on the docks

Above — A 12-year-old son of a service member and aspiring angler awaits a bite as he sits on the dock on Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Sunday, during the Marine Corps Community Service's 7th Annual Day on the Docks Fishing Tournament.

Right — Adults and youngsters alike fish to their hearts content at the 7th Annual Day on the Docks Fishing Tournament. More than 63 families from the MCB Hawaii and surrounding communities spent Sunday fishing and soaking up the sun.

Matthew Sanchez won the grand prize after catching a whopping 7-pound puffer fish. The happy youngster took home a brand new bicycle.





1st Lt. Travis Fuller (left), the 3rd Platoon commander for Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, directs one of his fire teams to their next move as another squad moves into a stack position before running across an open courtyard. Fuller was killed when the CH-53E helicopter he was in crashed in Iraq, Jan. 26. His parents were presented with his Bronze Star Medal at a ceremony, Tuesday, at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

Sgt. Clinton Firstbrook

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The young lieutenant’s actions took place during Operation Al Fajr, which liberated the city of Fallujah from insurgents last November. Following that battle the Marines of Company C readied themselves for a mission to provide security during the elections in January. Fuller and 25 of his men were killed in a helicopter crash, Jan. 26, on their way to a new position. He was serving as a platoon commander for Company C, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 7, 1st Marine Division, 1 Marine Expeditionary Force, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II.

The rest of the battalion carried out the mission, finished their deployment, and returned to Hawaii — most were present at their former commander's award ceremony, alongside family members and friends.

The Marines, Sailors and airmen present stood at attention as Fuller’s parents walked hand in hand flanked by two Marines toward the 1/3 commanding officer to receive their son’s medal.

The only sound heard was a rope hitting the pole as the wind moved it.

After the presentation, the battalion members enveloped Fuller’s family and recalled stories about the lieutenant who lead them in war and of whom they constantly referred to as “an incredible leader.” His parents, uncle and sisters, in turn, shared stories from a time before he became a Marine.

His father spoke about how he was always a tough kid

growing up. The emotional afternoon was filled with tears, hugs, stories, laughter, jokes, and a few tall tales.

Although the majority of the event was focused on Fuller, his father was persistent in pointing out that their family cared not only about their son, but they also cared about the Marines he served with and the Corps he was proud to be in.

“It was a team effort,” said David Fuller. “He accomplished a lot in his short 26 years. We are proud of him and his ability to lead his Marines — who have all done so much. We are honored to get to be here with them and remember Travis. We will always support the Marines.”

After reporting to active duty in November 2001, Fuller began the Infantry Officer’s

Course, June 2002. He arrived at Kaneohe Bay in July 2004, and from there deployed with his unit to Okinawa, Japan, in July and then to Kuwait in October, before entering Iraq in November.


His other awards include the National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon.

DUIs are career killers

*(Editor's Note: Per the commanding general of MCB Hawaii, those arrested for driving under the influence [DUI], driving while intoxicated or drug-related offenses shall be publicized in the **Hawaii Marine**.)*

- April 23, Cpl. Richard E. Steggs of NSGA Kunia. Driving under the influence with a blood alcohol content of .14 percent.
- April 28, Lance Cpl. Marcus M. Lopez of 4th Force Reconnaissance. DUI with a BAC of .11 percent.
- April 30, Sgt. Ronnie Navales of HMH-463. DUI with a BAC of .08 percent.
- April 30, Sgt. Sean R. Warnet of CSSG-3. DUI with a BAC of .12 percent.
- May 2, Pfc. Joseph E. Bowen of MALS-24. DUI pending a BAC test.

You Drink. You Drive.



You Lose.

In 2003, 735 passengers aged 16-20 were killed while they were riding with a driver who had consumed alcohol.

— National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Pinning on a bright future

Fourteen-year-old Jose Hernandez smiles while receiving a Marine Corps and American flag pin from Staff Sgt. Erik D. Stone, electronic key management systems manager, 4th Force Reconnaissance, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, while at the Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children. Hernandez also received a 4th Force Reconnaissance poster signed by members of MCB Hawaii, presented to him by Stone and Sgt. Richard T. Therriault, armor, 4th Force Recon. Hernandez, a student and member of the ROTC program at Castle High School, has Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. He became a member of the Make-A-Wish program and wants to be a recon Marine. He is scheduled to visit K-Bay today to meet Marines and see what the Corps is all about.

Cpl. Megan L. Stiner



GENERAL, From A-1

to do these tours since he's been here," said Sloan. "He just wants to set up more joint training between the Marines and soldiers from 25th." The training the soldiers do is very similar to the training that was explained to the general during his visit, according to Sloan. "Our ranges and facilities seem to be very similar," said Sloan. "We seem to do the same training, but with just a few minor differences — like the fact that soldiers only qualify 300 yards away on the rifle range and Marines have to qualify at 500 yards."

POLICE, From A-5

The capability and responsibility that these two commands hold, together, make it of the utmost importance for military police to stay on their toes. MPs often deal with people who park in a lot they don't have authorization for, or where they may cause a safety violation, explained Lance Cpl. Jimmy Vasquez, Camp Smith MP. Overall, PMO's mission is to ensure Camp Smith's MPs are prepared for any situation that may occur — whether that is a traffic ticket or a major security breach that could cost lives.

PYLE, From A-2

Fraser Darling, Camps Foster and Lester commander. "Stories about kamikaze pilots and depth charges coming off destroyers, trying to get submarines. A lot of those stories came from Ernie Pyle." Fraser Darling explained that Pyle's work was important because it showed the American public what was happening throughout the war. They were the stories that gave way to so many movies about World War II. Many others at the memorial fondly remembered Pyle's retelling of numerous battles.



PYLE

"Ernie Pyle was great," said Damico. "He was down to earth and wrote in simple terms. He loved the 'ground-pounder.'" Damico first came to a Pyle commemoration ceremony 40 years ago, while he was still an active-duty Marine. He continued to attend the ceremony every year he was stationed on Okinawa. Damico is now a permanent resident of Okinawa and plans to attend every year to show respect for "a great journalist." "I wish I had the chance to meet him," he said. "He'll always be remembered with this ceremony as long as there's an American Legion on Okinawa. The younger guys who recently joined (the military) will keep coming over here to pick up where us older guys leave off."

Kahaluu Honor Roll

Students from Kahaluu School with a grade point average of 3.5 – 3.9 are added to the Honor Roll. Students with a GPA of 4.0 are added to the Principal's Honor Roll. The following students were honored for the third quarter.

- Honor Roll**
Grade 4
Tiana Adams
Kylie Bertelmann-Hau
Casey Maloney
James Miertschin
Andrew Moors
Nellie Towata
Shaylin Villegas-Pada

- Grade 5*
Victoria Haskell
Joshua Patberg
Shaun Salas
Alicia Tom-Lapinad

- Grade 6*
Shawn Kahookele
Shantelle Keohokapu
Kainoaaalikane Stone
Travis Tanouye
Eric Totten

- Principal's Honor Roll**
Grade 4
Wilbur Fisher

- Grade 6*
Sarina Ganancial
Richelle Lewis

Marine Forces Pacific Band Schedule

Saturday, 4 p.m.
9th Annual Twilight
Tattoo
Kuroda Field at Fort
DeRussy
Open to the public, free

May 14, 7 p.m.
Combined Military
Band Concert
Hawaii Theater
Open to the public, free

The Marine Forces Pacific Band schedule of performances can be found on the Web at www.mfp.usmc.mil/mfpband/main.htm.

Salutes

To submit items to the "Salutes" section, call 257-8837 or e-mail kristin@hawaiimarine.com.